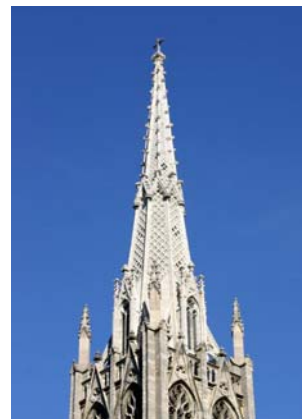


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Last day! EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS



***(PALM SUNDAY IS THE
LAST DAY to get your
dedications in the***

March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday



Dear Friends,

One of the stories playing itself out in the news these days pertains to a particular iPhone. The phone in question belonged to the husband-wife terrorist team who committed the San Bernardino massacre last fall, and themselves were killed later in the day.

On the phone they left behind is likely to be key information that will help the federal government prevent future attacks. The problem lies in getting into the phone. Apple prides itself in the security of its products. Only the owners of a device are allowed to access the information it contains.

Now a trial is underway in which the federal government is trying to compel Apple to design software that will bypass the encrypted security and unlock the phone. They argue that lives may be at stake. Apple counters that it's a matter of privacy and free speech. They also warn of a slippery slope. If they design this software, it will eventually fall into the wrong hands. And what is to prevent increased government snooping?

My point here is not to argue one side or the other. Rather, it is the challenge of unlocking the phone that speaks a parable to me at the beginning of Holy Week. Holy Week tells the story of Jesus' trying to get deep inside Jerusalem's power structure. His goal was to stand before Caiaphas the High Priest, Pontius Pilate the Roman governor, and Herod the titular king and bring to a climax the great story that God had been telling the world through Israel. To bypass the defenses he would use unconventional means: a donkey, parables, bread and wine, a basin for foot washing, and finally a cross.

Easter Sunday service bulletins!

Bedeck the church in beautiful spring flowers this year to give thanks or to honor a loved one!

You may give online [HERE](#) (put "Easter" and your dedications "in honor of" or "in memory of" in the comments box).

From the Darkness to the Light



TENEBRAE

March 23rd

(Details at right)

SERVICE TIMES for Holy Week and Easter Day



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Did he succeed or fail? The question is new every year because Jerusalem is your heavily defended heart and mine. God is seeking an entrance to your soul, not to snoop and steal, but to heal and save. *Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.* That's what we'll shout this Sunday, Palm Sunday, as the Great Week begins again.

See you in church.

[The Reverend J. Donald Waring](#)
Rector

This Sunday

PALM SUNDAY: THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. in the Church

Palm Sunday Liturgy & Holy Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music at 11 a.m. by *Gibbons & Guilmant.*

The Adult Choir.

4 p.m. in the Church—Choral Evensong

with excerpts from Part II of *Handel's MESSIAH*

The Adult Choir



March 26 – Children's Easter Eve Walk!



(Details at right)

Please pray for...



those who suffer

Marc & Victoria
Greenberg
Bill Nave
Greg Gillies
Josephine Ferraiuolo
Howard Small
Trish Lawrence
Paul Tillotson



**EXCERPTS
FROM
HANDEL'S
MESSIAH,
PART II**

SUNDAY 20 MARCH
AT 4:00 P.M.

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The Reverend J. Donald Waring, Rector
Patrick Allen, Organist and Master of Choristers
George Fergus, Organ Scholar

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Coming Soon

MAR 23 – WED. HOLY EUCHARIST AND TENEBRAE: A SERVICE OF DARKNESS AND LIGHT. This service of Tenebrae (Latin for "shadows") will provide an experiential entrance into our Lord's passion and crucifixion while pointing us to the hope of his Resurrection. Begin your Triduum (three days before Easter) in reflective quiet with other members of the Grace Church community as we read psalms, pray, sing, and experience the Eucharist together in candlelight and quietness. Followed by a simple soup supper. *RSVP for supper to [the Rev. Stephen Holton](#).*

MAR 26 – CHILDREN'S EASTER EVE WALK – Join us on Holy Saturday, March 26, from 10:30 am–1:30 pm, as

*and those who have
died*

Clyde Fowler

April 23 & May 21



Come and build!

(Click image)

we experience the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus through interactive storytelling. There will also be crafts, treats, and an Easter egg hunt! Activities are designed for kids ages 4 and up, but the whole family is welcome. Suggested donation (\$10 per child, \$20 for family), includes a pizza lunch. *To attend, RSVP [to the Rev. Chase Danford](#).*

MAR 27 – EASTER DAY – No Sunday School. Activity bags available to help kids sit through church!

APR 10, 17, 24 – NEWCOMERS' CLASSES – Members of the clergy speak, and answer questions, about Christianity, the Episcopal Church, and what it's like to be a member of Grace Church. A light lunch will be served. Sundays, April 10, 17, 24, from 12:45 – 1:45 pm in the Reception Room.

APR 10 – EVENSONG WITH PART III OF HANDEL'S MESSIAH – The Adult Choir with the Parish Choir will offer Choral Evensong featuring excerpts from Part III (the Easter Portion) of Handel's MESSIAH.

APR 23, MAY 21 – COME AND BUILD WITH US! Grace Church is overjoyed to be partnering with Habitat for Humanity to rehabilitate a condemned house in Laurelton, Queens for a family in need. Our next build dates are April 23 and May 21. To register and sign up, click [HERE](#). Questions? Contact [the Rev. Stephen Holton here](#).

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